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Kutchmarek et al.

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For: CUTTING APPARATUS FOR WINDOW  
COVERINGS AND METHODS THEREFOR

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 1, 2001, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

In the Claims

1/40. (Amended) An apparatus for cutting a window covering including a head rail, a bottom rail and slats extending between the head rail and the bottom rail, said apparatus comprising:

a base having a substantially flat cutting surface;

a frame overlying said cutting surface and mounted to said base, said frame and said cutting surface defining a receiving area therebetween for receiving said window covering;

said base including a clamping assembly adapted for securing the bottom rail, the slats and the top rail of said window covering in a side-by-side arrangement atop said cutting surface so that the bottom rail, the slats and the top rail are in contact with the substantially flat cutting surface;

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